



Hatcher Pass - East, Summit Lake and Independence Mine State Historical Park Winter Conditions Report

Current Date:

April 26, 2017



Area	Snowmobile Status	New Snow	Avg. Snow Depth	Comments
Gold Mint Lot	CLOSED	0"	0-10"	Mostly bare ground.
Gold Mint Trail	NON-MOTORIZED	0"	0-30+"	Lot's of bare ground. Snow is isothermal and melting away very quickly.
Archangel Trailhead	NON-MOTORIZED	0"	0-12"	Lot's of bare spots starting to showing. Snow is isothermal. Trail still being groomed.
Archangel Valley-Reed Lakes	CLOSED	0"	0-20"	Lot's of bare spots starting to showing. Snow is isothermal and melting away very quickly.
Fishhook Lot	CLOSED	Trace	0-16"	Snow mostly gone.
Independence Mine Bowl	NON-MOTORIZED	1"	0-22"	Lot's of bare spots starting to showing. IMB trails groomed today for the last time this season.
Summit Lake	CLOSED	1"	0-30"	Extremely variable. Bare ground beginning to show. Snow going isothermal.
Mile 16 and Paradise Ski Runs	NON-MOTORIZED	0"	0-10"	Snow mostly gone.

. **Average snow depth recorded is uncompressed. Snowmobile openings are based on the snowpack's ability to protect underlying vegetation and include: depth measurements, snow density, wind loading, temperatures, forecast, terrain, topography, elevation, and snow base and ice conditions. River and lake ice crossing safety is not implied and at the risk of the individual.

Conditions Update:

A dusting of new snow fell in the upper elevations during the past few days. Temperatures have been staying mostly above freezing with some cooling at night. Snow is mostly gone in the lower elevations. Snow in the upper elevations has turned isothermal and melting quickly. A few springtime point release slides have been observed recently. Due to deteriorating snow conditions, all areas in the East Hatcher Pass Management Area and Summit Lake SRS is now closed to snowmobiling.

The Hatcher Pass roadway and trailhead parking lots are clear of snow and ice. The speed limit is 35 MPH. Please slow down, especially on curves and going downhill. Four wheel drive and winter tires are highly recommended.

This will be the last winter conditions report for this season. Stay tuned for the summer conditions reports.

A \$5 day-use fee or annual parking pass is required at most trailheads throughout the area. Please respect private properties adjacent to public land. **All snowmobiles must have their current registration tags displayed when used on public lands.**

Please check the Alaska State Parks website or call 745-8950 for current conditions. Additional snow and weather information can be found at the Independence Mine Snow-Tel website at: <http://ambcs.org/SiteViewer.shtml>; or Marmot Mountain Weather Station website at: http://www.cnjaic.org/wx/wx_marmot.php

For avalanche information: <http://hatcherpassavalanchecenter.org/>. The Hatcher Pass Area is an **AVALANCHE HAZARD AREA**. Be sure and take your beacons, shovels and probes with you and be knowledgeable of their use.

The Department of Natural Resources has created a web-based report for recreational user conflicts in the East Hatcher Pass Management Area. To access the report go to: http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/hatcher/incident_rpt/.